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#### God Like a Child

Sitting criss-cross apple sauce,  
He makes the linoleum floor  
the venue of creation.  
Crayon and printer paper  
become the scribbles of an imperfect world  
handed to people  
for them  
to figure out what it is.

#### A Woman Like God

Downstairs leather sofa.  
Her son on the coffee table.  
Hot Wheels Corvette in hand  
Her son looks at me, saying  
*Play nice, then she won't hurt you.*  
The toy says,  
*Vroom vroom.*

#### God Like a Woman

Bracing herself  
against the doorway.  
A downward gaze.  
*I'm not saying you're evil.*  
*I just wish you were*  
*a little more faithful.*  
*I wish it was in my power*  
*to stop loving you.*

A Child Like Man

Hide and seek time in Nordstrom's,  
center of a clothes rack.

Emerging from rows of designer skirts  
he finds himself lost.

Lights turning off, the store is closing,  
the child ponders what it means to be here forever

before the conflicted embrace  
of relief, love, and wrath.